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Applicant elects, without traverse, to proceed with claims 1-18 and 20-21, Group I. Applicant respectfully requests, without waiving any rights and without abandoning any invention, that the remaining claims - claim 19 - be cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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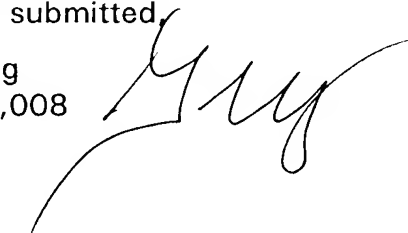
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